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Here is the information on
the status of the travel amendments.

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For morning meeting

Last December Congress passed new rates to be paid to federal employees for official travel related expenses. The bill called for \$35 per diem rate and a minimum of 15¢ per mile for official use of POV. The rate could have been raised to 20¢ per mile by the Administrator, GSA, in consultation with other specified officials. Mr. Yale expressed his objection to any statutory minimum. The President vetoed that bill because a provision was attached which provided veterans, traveling to hospitals for treatment, the same benefits as Government employees. Initially, the mood of the two houses seemed to be to pass the same bill over the President's veto, but now the veterans issue is the subject of another bill. A House Government Operations subcommittee has reported a bill very much to the Administration's liking, which provides for a 21¢ per mile maximum, with no minimum figure and which calls for the Administrator, GSA, to prescribe regulations within the 21¢ maximum. Full committee action is scheduled for this Thursday. GSA says there are indications the Senate will go along with a House version, and that the bill will very likely get to the President within a month.

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